

FISCAL NOTE/CAPTION BILL

SB 998 - HB 1386

March 31, 2003

CAPTION BILL: Fiscal note reflects amendment filed to lift bill from Senate Clerk's desk (004359).

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance companies, including TennCare managed care organizations to reimburse non-network providers usual and customary charges for providing emergency services. Mandates that the TennCare Bureau cannot dictate in any way the amount of payments from managed care organizations to providers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000
Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures -
Exceeds \$2,000,000

Requiring usual and customary reimbursement for out-of-network emergency services will increase expenditures to the TennCare managed care organizations. The TennCare Bureau could not provide information on the number of out of network emergency room visits but believes there are a substantial number each year. The amount of increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$3,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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